YOUNG KING COMICS

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水上悟志

I CAN SEE YOUR BELLY, ASS-HOLE!
GIGA... CAT....
UPPER!
BYEEWW

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CHAPTER 10: "DOPING MODE"
I'LL BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF ALL MY ENEMIES!

IT FLEW UP HIGHER?
SLAM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
GAAH! STOP FLYING! STOP DODGING! I CAN'T HIT YOU!
I THINK THEY DON'T WANT YOU TO HIT THEM.
NEBULA SOLDIER!
WE'RE COUNTING ON THAT WEAPON OF YOURS. TRY TO HIT IT NEXT TIME!
HOP
HOP

AND THERE'S NO POINT IN SAVING KUMASHIRO-SAN IF YOU GET HURT!
IF THEY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT US WHEN THEY FIGHT, IT'LL PUT THEM IN DANGER!

B...
BUT...
IT'S DANGEROUS HERE! WE'RE LEAVING!

LET'S GO.
GOOD GIRL.

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT.

HOWL
BAM
BAM
DWAAAH!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WATCH OUT!
IS INABA-SAN OKAY?
TORAI-SAN IS WITH HER! JUST BELIEVE IN HIM!
SEN-SEI!
CAN'T YOU FLY?
MEOW...
"IT'S POSSIBLE. I DIDN'T WANT TO USE THIS TRUMP CARD, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE."
THAT'S WHAT SENSEI SAYS.
JUST USE IT!
IT WON'T HELP US IF WE'RE DEAD!

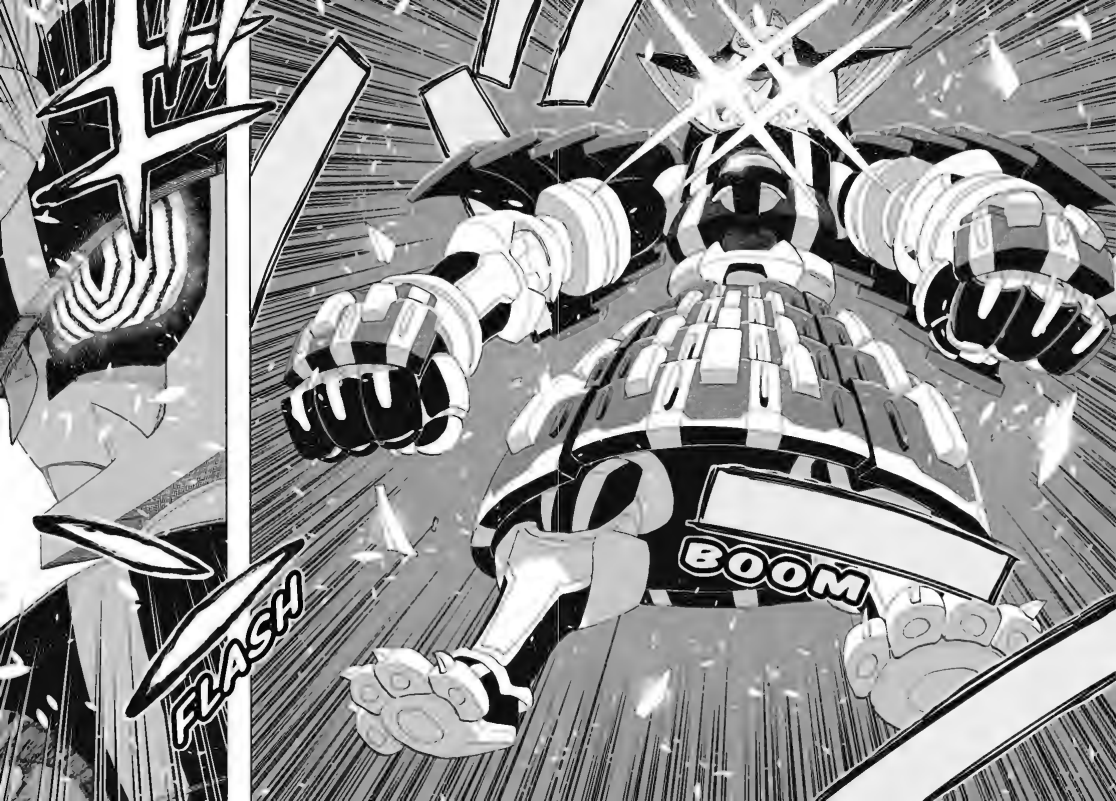
FIRE THE CAT DOPING!
OKAY!
MEOW!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHOOSH
SHAKE
SHAKE
PING
THROW
GO!
HUH? O-OKAY!
THROW ME TOWARDS IT!

GROWL
SMACK

"COSMOS MATANBI Z!"
Cos mos MATANBI Z
"MEOW!"
"THIS IS A SPECIAL BOOST ITEM FOR GROWN-UPS THAT'S SURE TO GIVE YOU A HANGOVER."

FLASH!
WHAT'S A HANG-OVER?
TO-MORROW, YOU'LL REGRET WANTING EASY POWER!
MEOW!
OPEN!
BUT THE LID DOESN'T OPEN.
POP
OH, IT OPENS...

ROAR
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM


FLASH
BOOM

I GUESS HE HAD MORE TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE.
HE TRANS-FORMED?

YOU WERE HOLDING OUT ON ME!
WAHOO! I'VE GOT WINGS!
I'VE GOT WEAPONS!

MEOW.
SENSEI SAYS HE'S GONNA REGRET IT TOMORROW.
HUH? WHY?
WELL, WHATEVER! NOW I'M EXCITED!
LET'S GO!
BLAST
MEOW!
"CAT CLAWS!"
GIGA CAT BLADE!

SCREAM
SLICE
SHIELD!
DON'T LET HIM HIT YOU! DEFLECT THE BLOWS!
IT WASN'T A CLEAN HIT!

BOOM
BOOOOM
WE DID IT!
YES!
...
WOW...

HERE I GO!
KA-CHING
SENSEI DIDN'T SAY THAT!
MEOW!
CHOP 'EM INTO PIECES!

SCREECH

LET'S GET A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY.
CAN YOU WALK?

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NO.

UM...
I...

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BOOM
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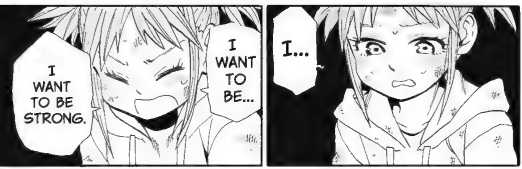
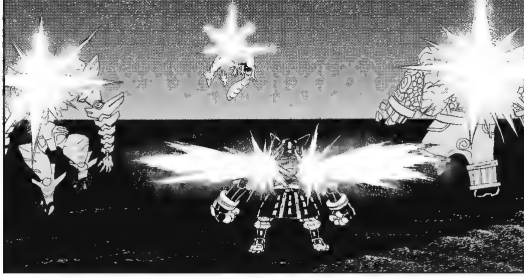
BOOM


I WANT TO BE STRONG.
I WANT TO BE...
I...

I'M GOING BACK!
I'M SORRY.

I'M GOING WITH YOU.
OKAY

LET'S GO.
PAT
YOU CAN BE STRONGER.
I WILL.
BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU GET BACK?
KEEP CALLING OUT TO HARU-CHAN UNTIL SHE HEARS ME.
BOOM
BOOM
SHEESH... THAT'S LIKE A MANGA.
BUT YOU LIKE THAT SORT OF MANGA, DON'T YOU, TORAI-SAN?
OF COURSE.



PANT!
PANT!
PANT!

GROOOOOOO...

BE CARE-FUL.
THANKS.

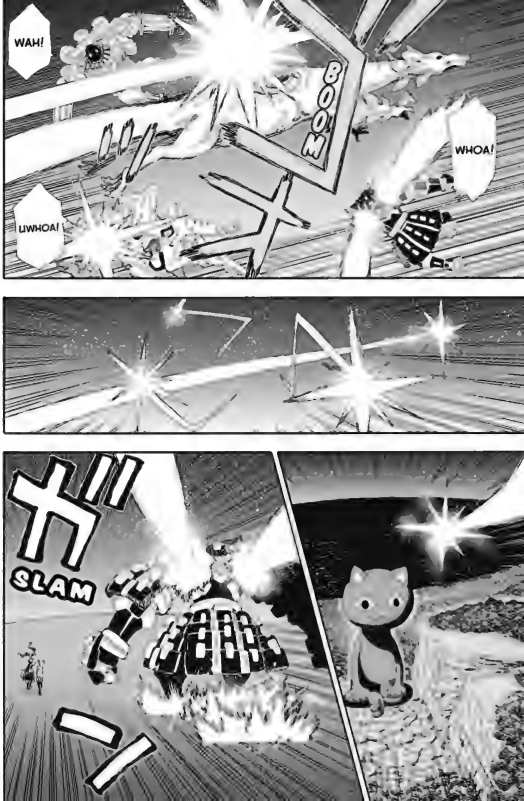
HARU-CHAN! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
STOP! DON'T FIGHT ANY-MORE!

HARU-CHAN!
I GUESS IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE IT DOES IN A MANGA.
I THOUGHT WITH HER PSYCHIC POWERS, SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING.
HARU-CHAN!

SHE HEARS YOU.
HARU-CHA...!
FLOAT
YOU'RE...
THAT IS THE PATH TO THE EVOLUTION OF LOVE.
USE YOUR POWERS TO SHARE WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART.

COME.
TAKE MY HAND.
CLASP
PLEASE!
HELP ME!

SENSEI! SOYA-KUN!
COME HERE!
THIS GIRL'S THE KEY!
HUH?


WAH!
BOOM
WHOA!
UWHOA!
SLAM

WE'LL TALK IT DOWN.
TAKE US NEAR THE DRAGON.
WHAT?
IT'S THE DRAGON! ARE YOU STUPID?
TALK IT DOWN?!
HARU-CHAN?
AND THAT'S HARU-CHAN! SHE'S NOT THE DRAGON!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING STUPID?
PLEASE!
TAKE ME THERE!
FINE! WHAT-EVER!
GEH ...
MEOW.
SOYA-KUN....

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CHAPTER 11: "HARUMI & MIU"

TNWA?
SMACK!
GYAH!
GUH!
WHAT?!
HUH?!

I'M THROWING YOU! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ISN'T MY FAULT!
OKAY!
PLEASE, GO AHEAD!
TOSS
DORYAAAAH!

FLY
ROAR

HARU-
CHAN!

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MIU...
-CHA
-HARU-
-HAN!

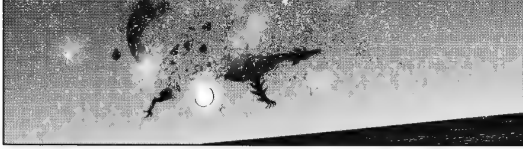
MIU-CHAN?
DON'T LET YOUR ANGER WIN!
STAY IN THE FIGHT!

HARU-CHAN?!

I WAS ALWAYS BIG... AND STRONGER THAN THE BOYS... SO THEY WERE SCARED OF ME.
DO YOU FEEL SAFE AROUND ME...
MIU-CHAN?

WHY WOULDN'T I?
YOU'RE SO CUTE!

THANK YOU...
MIU-CHAN, YOU'RE STRONG, HUH?

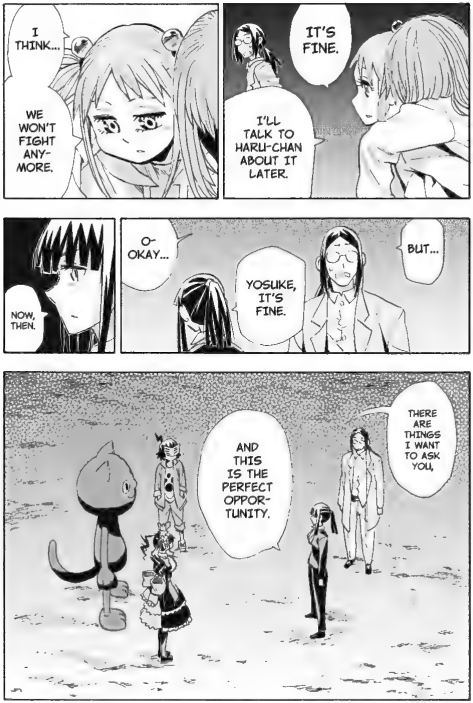


HA
HA

YEAH.
THIS IS HOW IT HAS TO BE.

YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY?
I WANT TO CARRY HER.
AND I SPEND A LOT OF TIME WORKING OUT, YOU KNOW.
NEBULA SOLDIER, SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.

WHEN DID YOU GET THAT?
OH, THAT'S KUMA-SHIRO'S ...?!
THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME. I GOT WHAT I WANTED.
HMPH.


I THINK...
WE WON'T FIGHT ANY-MORE.
IT'S FINE.
I'LL TALK TO HARU-CHAN ABOUT IT LATER.
NOW, THEN.
O-OKAY...
YOSUKE, IT'S FINE.
BUT...
AND THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPOR-TUNITY.
THERE ARE THINGS I WANT TO ASK YOU,

BATTA
BATTA
BATTA
AS THE SUN RISES OVER THE SCENE OF LAST NIGHT'S INCIDENT...
WE CAN SEE THE FULL EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE.
MIRACULOUSLY, NO ONE DIED.
FORTUNATELY, THE APPEARANCE OF THE LARGE OBJECT IN THE MOUNTAINS CAUSED THE CITIZENS IN THE VALLEY TO EVACUATE.

MY HEAD HURTS! I FEEL SICK!
UGGHHH-RRHH!
THAT'S WHAT SENSEI SAYS.
WANT SOME WATER?
UGH...
"THIS IS THE SIDE-EFFECT OF CAT DOPING. WE CALL IT A HANGOVER."
MEOW-RRR...
THE TWO OF YOU WERE BOTH KICKING BUTT OUT THERE.
SENSEI'S THE ONE WHO POWERED UP. WHY IS IT AFFECTING ME?
WE DON'T HAVE ANY TO BEGIN WITH.
UGH... I DON'T EVEN WANT MEAT RIGHT NOW.
CAN YOU EAT?
WHEE...

NOZO-SAN?
SIGH... I'VE GOTTA GO TO SCHOOL.
I TOLD NOZO-SAN I'D SEE HER TOMORROW.

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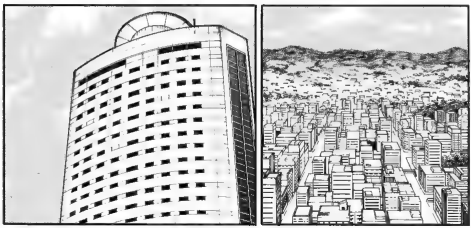
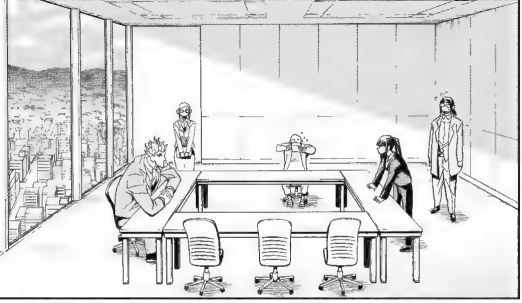
NOZO-SAN

ACHOO!





HOW IS NEZUYA?
HE'S FINE. JUST SLEEPING.
BY THE WAY, I HEARD KUMASHIRO-KUN LOST CONTROL .

WE WORKED WITH THE NEBULA SOLDIER TO PUT AN END TO THE PROBLEM.
ANYWAY, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK YOU.
DIRECTOR...
WHAT IS IT YOU'RE REALLY AFTER?

TRUE PEACE.

...YOU WILL BRING ABOUT THROUGH THE USE OF SUPER-POWERS?
A UNIFI-CATION OF MORALS.
A UNIFI-CATION OF ETHICS.
AFTER ELIMI-NATING THE IN-VADERS...
PEACE? HOW?
A UNIFI-CATION OF RIGHT AND WRONG.
A UNIFI-CATION OF VALUES.
ALL OF THESE...

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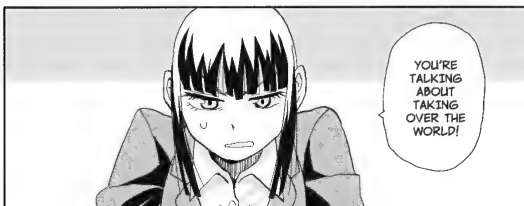
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TAKING OVER THE WORLD!

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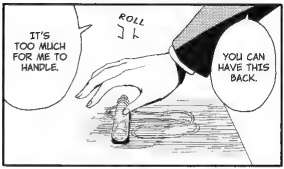
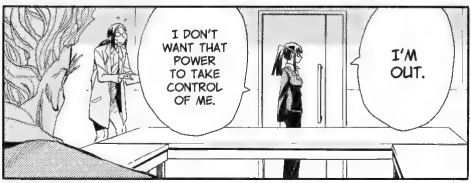

IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE.
ROLL
YOU CAN HAVE THIS BACK.

ARE YOU A KID?
SIGH...


I DON'T WANT THAT POWER TO TAKE CONTROL OF ME.
I'M OUT.

NOM
NOM
CHEW
CHEW
BENI-
KA!
SLAM
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP

STEAK
SO, UM...
SO GOOD.
MMMH.
OF COURSE, OF COURSE.
OH, RIGHT. YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT TAKASHI.

MY WIFE AND I, BACK WHEN WERE STILL YOUNG, WERE TAKING A WALK ONE NIGHT.
CHEW
もぐ
IT WAS OVER 50 YEARS AGO NOW.
もぐもぐ
COMPARED TO THESE DAYS, THERE WAS MUCH LESS LIGHT IN TOWN.
YOU COULD SEE ALL THE STARS AT NIGHT
SUDDENLY, MY WIFE POINTED UP TO THE SKY...
...WHERE THERE WAS A FALLING STAR WITH A LONG, LONG TAIL.
AND THEN IT CAME DOWN
RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.
HUH?

WE PEERED OVER THE EDGE, AFRAID...
AND THEN LOOKED INTO THE [illegible]

IT WAS A BABY.
WE TOOK HIM IN AND RAISED HIM.
AND THAT WAS TAKASHI.
THEN THE DIRECTOR IS...
Y-YOU'RE KIDDING!

IT WAS JUST A JOKE, HUH?
OHHH...
HUH?!
IDIOT! WHAT KIND OF MORON WOULD BELIEVE THAT?
BLACK WAGYU STEAK. SO GOOD.
もぐ
NOM
MM...
もぐ
NOM
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOF.
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CHEW
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SHEESH...
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IT'S NOT MEAT, THOUGH.
MM. DAIKON RADISH STEAK. SO GOOD.

IT'S NOT MEAT, THOUGH!
BUT THE SWEETNESS OF THE CARROT SAUCE IS JUST PERFECT!

HOW CAN WE...

I'M SORRY, UM...
HUH? YOU FORGOT YOUR WALLET? I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY EITHER, THOUGH!
WH-WHAT DO WE DO? MISS, CAN YOU LET US WASH DISHES?
I'M SORRY, WE DON'T DO THAT HERE.

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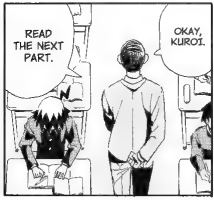
CHAPTER 12: "ALIEN"

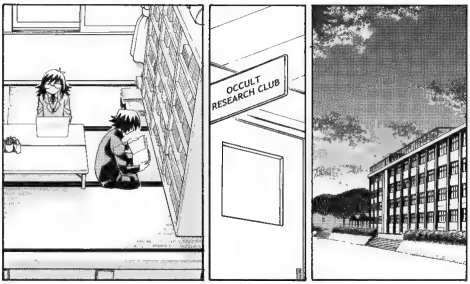
MMPH...


READ THE NEXT PART.
OKAY, KUROI.

WAH! I'M SORRY, BROTHER!
SPASM
CLATTER
KUROI! WAKE UP!

I'M SORRY. EHEHEH...
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS.
I'M NOT YOUR BROTHER.

BROTHER?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BIGFOOT

KUROI-KUN, ARE YOU...
UM...

CLATTER
HUH?

RUN-YAH!
C-CLUB PRESIDENT!
RUN-YAH?
WHEW!

RUN-YAH!

KA-THUD
HUH? AM I INTER-RUPTING?
NO, UM... WELL... WHAT IS THAT?

SIGH...
I GOT ALL THE ARTICLES I COULD FIND ON THOSE MASSIVE OBJECTS,
AND BOUGHT THEM WITH CLUB FUNDS.
MAGA-ZINES.
NO, I'M FINE.
WANT TO READ THEM, KUROI-KUN?
YOU KNOW, THE BIG THING OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS.
THE MOUNTAIN KITTY?
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL IT ONLINE.
OOH...
THERE'S ALSO STUFF ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN KITTY ATTACK, TOO.

BUT IT SCARED EVERY-BODY.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE WERE LUCKY THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAD ALL EVACUATED WHEN THE ATTACK HIT, HUH?

OUR CLUB JUST SURVIVED BEING SHUT DOWN, BUT THAT'D BE THE END FOR IT, TOO.
THEN THEY'LL CLOSE THE SCHOOL, AND WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER ANYMORE.
HMM... MAYBE.
THIS TOWN'S PROBABLY GONNA TURN INTO A BATTLEFIELD, DON'T YOU AGREE?

SIGH...
HUH?

NO.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.
SIGH...
...
!
HMM?
NEZUYA-SENPAI.
OH!
CLATTER
RUN-YAH.

RU...
RUNYAH.
I CAME TO RETURN THE BOOKS I BORROWED.
DO I SEEM WEIRD?
MAYBE IT'S WEIRD THAT YOU'RE NOT BEING WEIRD?
HUH? WH-WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, SENPAI?
I ALSO CAME TO SAY GOODBYE.
HUH?!
MY DAD'S PACKING UP SHOP AND MOVING OUT OF TOWN, AND I'M GOING WITH HIM .
MY LITTLE SISTER'S REALLY SCARED, AND WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT HER.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU GET YOUR MEMORIES BACK.
OH, AND I'M SORRY, KUROI-KUN.

HUH?
WHAT ABOUT THE CONVENI-ENCE STORE?

THAT'S FINE...

YEAH.
YOU KNOW... NEZUYA-SENPAI WAS ACTING KIND OF WEIRD.

YEAH...
HE FELT KIND OF... POWERLESS.
HE WAS NORMAL, BUT SOMEHOW...

HEY, DOES THAT THING KILL YOU?
OH, NO. NO.
IT'S NOT THAT SORT OF THING.
RUN-YAH!
MY NAME IS JUDGMENT NEZUYA.
RUN-YAH.

VROOOM
BUT IT FEELS LIKE SOMETHING DIED IN HIM.

HEY, WAS YOUR BROTHER...
...ANYTHING LIKE NEZUYA-SENPAI?
NOTH-ING.
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I KNEW IT! YOUR MEMO-RIES!
NO, NOT AT ALL.
HUH?

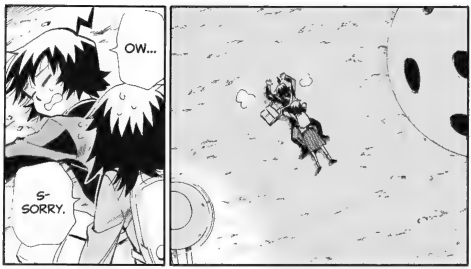
I FIGURED IT WASN'T WORTH MENTION-ING.
NO, UM...
OH!
HUH?
WHAT'S WITH THAT "I MADE A MISTAKE" LOOK ON YOUR FACE?
...BECAUSE YOU NEEDED TO KEEP IT A SECRET.
IT FELT TO ME MORE LIKE YOU WERE FREAKING OUT...
AND IT FEELS LIKE IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE MASSIVE OBJECTS, MAYBE?
WH-WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
YOU WERE ALL EXCITED ABOUT A UFO, BUT...
BECAUSE WHEN THE FIRST ONE APPEARED,
WH-WH-WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
N-N-NO WAY!
SHAKE
SHAKE

YOU GOT AN "I'M SICK OF THIS" LOOK ON YOUR FACE FOR AN INSTANT.
AND WHEN YOU SAW THAT MAGAZINE COVER...
YOU'VE BEEN MORE INTO UMAS THAN UFOS,
LATELY, YOU HAVEN'T REALLY CARED.

AM I RIGHT? TELL ME.
WELL?

DASH
BYE!
HEY...
OH, UM... I'VE GOTTA GO HOME THIS WAY!
HUH?

I-I'M SORRY!
OH!
W-WAIT!
KUROI-KUN!
WAIT UP!
DASH
GWEH!
I SAID WAIT!
CRASH


OW...
S-SORRY.

FOR DIGGING INTO YOUR PRIVATE BUSINESS JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY.
UM... I'M SORRY.
I'M SO SORRY...

BUT INSTEAD, I... I...
YOU NEED TO KEEP IT A SECRET, DON'T YOU?

I WAS ON THE TRACK TEAM IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I-I SEE.
YOU'RE REALLY FAST, NOZO-SAN.
OH, UM...
I EVEN TACKLED YOU...
I'M REALLY SORRY.
I WAS JUST WORRIED YOU MIGHT STOP COMING TO SCHOOL AGAIN.

IT WAS JUST EASIER BECAUSE OF THE WAY I WAS SITTING.
HUH? WHAT? YOU'RE ON YOUR KNEES?
YOU GOT ON YOUR KNEES AND BEGGED BECAUSE IT WAS "EASIER"?

EVERYTHING WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL TOMORROW.
FORGIVE ME. I WON'T ASK ANY MORE QUESTIONS.

IT'S JUST THAT, UM...
THERE'S NO REAL REASON I NEED TO KEEP IT A SECRET.

HMM... UM...

...
IF I TOLD YOU I WAS AN ALIEN...
W-WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME?

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CHAPTER 13: "PALADIN BREAK 1"

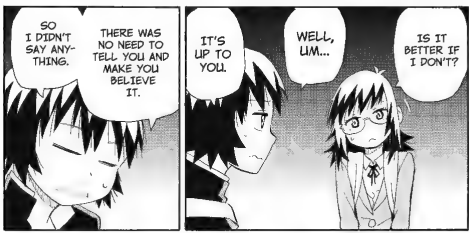
IF I TOLD YOU I WAS AN ALIEN...
W...
WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME?

I DON'T KNOW.

I LOOK JUST LIKE A HUMAN BECAUSE WE BOTH DEVELOPED FROM THE SAME RACE,
AND IT'S ONE THAT'S VERY COMMON IN THE UNIVERSE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THE REASON I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH EARTHLINGS AND HAVE THE SAME BASIC KNOWLEDGE YOU DO IS BECAUSE OF AN ALIEN DEVICE THAT TEACHES YOU IN YOUR SLEEP.
MY MEMORY LOSS WAS A TEMPORARY THING IT CAUSED.

WELL, BOTH OF THOSE FACTS ARE JUST THINGS THAT GINKO AND SENSEI TOLD ME.
. . .
IT'S TOO BIG TO TAKE IN.

WELL...
NORMALLY, YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE IT, HUH?


IS IT BETTER IF I DON'T?
WELL, UM...
IT'S UP TO YOU.
THERE WAS NO NEED TO TELL YOU AND MAKE YOU BELIEVE IT.
SO I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D CONNECT IT TO THE SPACESHIPS.
SO I PANICKED AND JUST MADE THINGS WORSE.

I WANT YOU TO BELIEVE THAT.
ALSO, WE WEREN'T THE ONES WHO ATTACKED THE TOWN.
THOSE ARE SPACE-SHIPS.
THE SPACE-SHIPS...

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IT'S ALL... TRUE.

YOU'RE SUCH A GOOF, BELIEVING ALL THAT.
I WAS LYING

I'LL PRETEND THAT'S HOW IT IS
OKAY.

I'M GONNA GET GOING.
OKAY.

OH,
WAIT!

COME TO SCHOOL TOMORROW... OKAY?

I GOTTA GO.
YEAH. I WILL.
...

SORRY.
THANKS.

NO, LIM...
I'M SORRY, TOO.
AND THANKS.

OH, SORRY.
HUH? REALLY?
ALSO... I DON'T THINK ANY KIDS OUR AGE SAY "GOOF" THESE DAYS.
BYE.
YEAH, BYE.
HEH HEH.
OH, ONE LAST THING!

THANK YOU...
...FOR PROTECTING THE TOWN!
BYE!
HUH?
I-I DIDN'T, THOUGH.
YOU DID, THOUGH.
WHEN THE DRAGON WAS THREATENING IT.
UWAH! WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?

I...
PRO-
TECTED
THE
TOWN?
SHE
DOESN'T
THINK YOU'RE
AN INVADER,
DOES SHE?
WELL...
IF IT
WASN'T
TOFU,
MAYBE.
I'M
MAKING IT
WITH KOYA
TOFU.
WE'RE
MAKING
KARA-AGE
TODAY,
SOYA-KUN.
DO YOU LIKE
KARA-AGE?

THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING, BENIKA-CHAN!
SEND THE BILL FOR THE STEAK TO TAKASHI.
SEE YOU.

SO...
DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING?

HE SAID HE DIDN'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE DIRECTOR.
THEN ONCE HE WAS FULL HE JUST KIND OF PASSED OUT.
YOU LET HIM EAT FOR FREE AND TELL YOU NOTHING? YOU IDIOT!

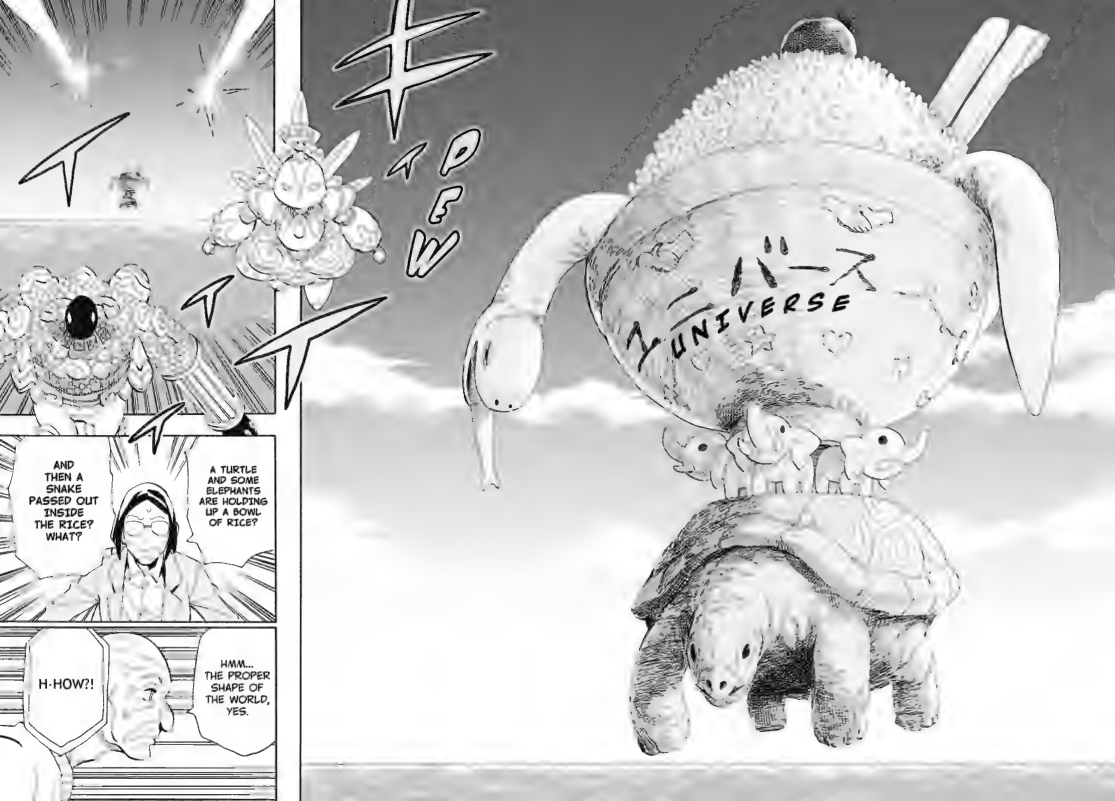
BYE, OLD MAN.
SORRY, BENIKA.
YOU GAVE ME THE MONEY, BUT I FORGOT MY WALLET...
DON'T EAT YOURSELF INTO AN EARLY GRAVE.
PAY ME BACK LATER.

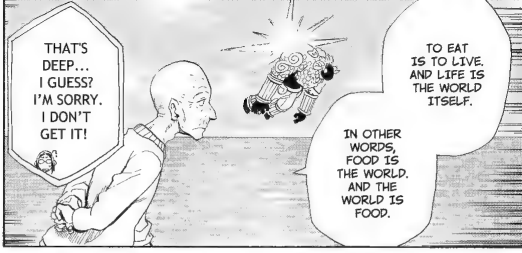
I GUESS HE'S NOT THAT EASY TO DEAL WITH, HUH?

DASH DASH DASH
KUROI-KUN!
NOZO-SAN...
GOOD MORNING, KUROI-KUN.
GOOD MORNING...
SHE'S OUT OF BREATH. SHE RAN HERE? WHY?
WH-WHAT?
IS THERE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
OH, NO.
UM, ABOUT YESTER-DAY...
UM... THANKS.
TH-THANKS.

L-LET'S GO.
HUH?
SCHOOL.
Y-YEAH.
...
I'M SO GLAD...
...THAT YOU CAME.
WHAT?
IT'S NOTHING.

BLARE


AND THEN A SNAKE PASSED OUT INSIDE THE RICE? WHAT?
A TURTLE AND SOME ELEPHANTS ARE HOLDING UP A BOWL OF RICE?
H-HOW?!
HMM... THE PROPER SHAPE OF THE WORLD, YES.
UNIVERSE


THAT'S DEEP... I GUESS? I'M SORRY. I DON'T GET IT!
TO EAT IS TO LIVE. AND LIFE IS THE WORLD ITSELF.
IN OTHER WORDS, FOOD IS THE WORLD. AND THE WORLD IS FOOD.

IF I DO, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT ON YOUR OWN, RIGHT?
ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE PALADIN ALONG WITH BENIKA-CHAN?
BY THE WAY...

YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD KID.

MURMUR
MURMUR
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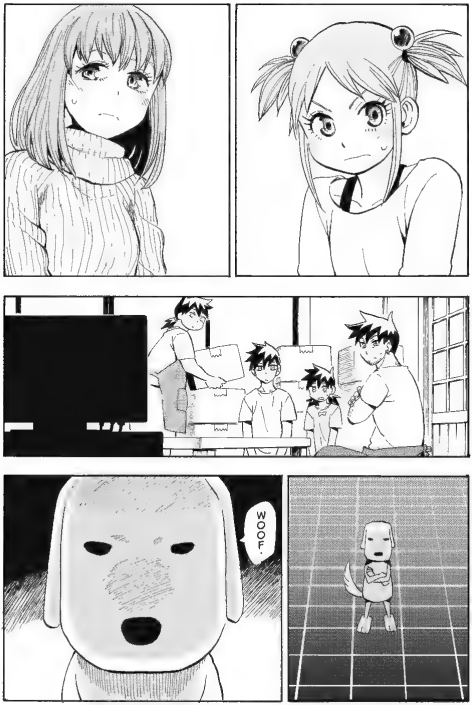
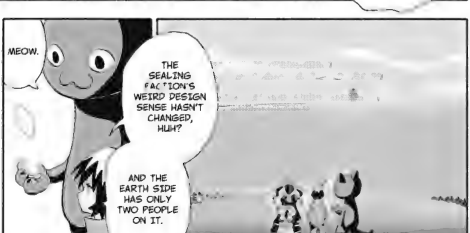
MURMUR

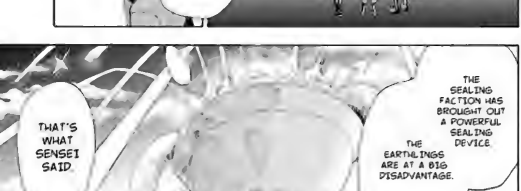
STEP
KUROI-KUN...
OKAY, LET'S GO.


WOOF.

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
PEWWW
HMM?! SOMETHING IS FLYING AT US!
R-RICE GRAINS?
UWAAAH! THE RICE!
UWAH! THAT WAS CLOSE!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF IT WAS MEAT, I'D BE EATING IT RIGHT NOW!


MEOW.
THE SEALING FACTION'S WEIRD DESIGN SENSE HASN'T CHANGED, HUH?
AND THE EARTH SIDE HAS ONLY TWO PEOPLE ON IT.


THAT'S WHAT SENSEI SAID.
THE SEALING FACTION HAS BROUGHT OUT A POWERFUL SEALING DEVICE.
THE EARTHLINGS ARE AT A BIG DISADVANTAGE.

END THINGS?
THE SEALING FACTION MAY INTEND TO END THINGS HERE.

TO WIPE OUT ANY REMAINING HUMAN RESISTANCE...
...AND FINISH THE SEALING OF HUMANITY.
THE SEALING OF HUMANITY
BOOM
SHEESH! THIS IS ROUGH.
BOOM
I MIGHT HAVE TO ACTUALLY WORK HARD TODAY
FLASH

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CHAPTER 13: "PALADIN BREAK 2"

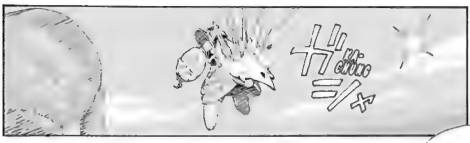
...HU-
MANITY.
THE SEALING OF...
WHOOSH
I SAW SOMEONE WHO WAS HIT BY THE SEALING FACTION.
HE KIND OF LOOKED LIKE HE'D GROWN UP INTO AN ADULT, BUT...
ALSO LIKE THE FIRE HAD GONE OUT IN HIM.
WHAT IS THAT STATE, EXACTLY?
FLASH

FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

IT'S TOO FAST TO SEE!
HUH? WHAT?

IS THE OLD MAN DOING SOME-THING?
WHAT'S GOING ON?

FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT I SAW...
WHAT'S WRONG?
?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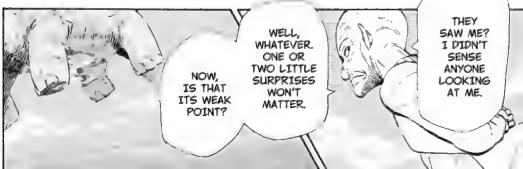

NOW, IS THAT ITS WEAK POINT?
WELL, WHATEVER. ONE OR TWO LITTLE SURPRISES WON'T MATTER.
THEY SAW ME? I DIDN'T SENSE ANYONE LOOKING AT ME.

HEAD IN FROM THERE. BE CAREFUL.
SURE THING. YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
R-RIGHT! GOOD LUCK!
...SHOWS PEOPLE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF GENTLE DREAMS.
THE SEALING DEVICE...
MEOW.
HAPPI-NESS.
WISHES COMING TRUE.
AMBITIONS ACHIEVED.

カッ…
GULP
WELCOME HOME!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

GLAD TO BE BACK!
HEY!

THE GENTLE DREAMS FILL THE GAPS IN A PERSON'S HEART.

MEOW.

BUT THE PRICE OF THAT IS HOW THEY STEAL AWAY THE HEART'S HUNGER AND HOPE.
AW, HERE, HAVE SOME OF THIS, TOO!
KYAH! KYAH! HERE, HAVE THIS, TOO!

GWA HAHA HAHA!
GWA HA HA!
AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY'RE STOLEN?
PEOPLE STOP MOVING FORWARD.
MEOW.
OOH, THANKS!
MMMPH! THIS IS SO GOOD!
NOM!
NOM!
NOM!
NOM!

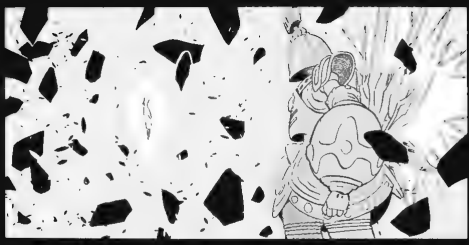
THE SEALING DEVICE DOESN'T HURT ANYONE.

IT JUST SOFTLY PUTS OUT THE FLAME IN THEIR HEART.

ARE YOU DONE YET, OLD MAN?
WHEW.
THAT WAS FUN.
MMM...

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE, I GUESS.
NOW...
KNOCOOSH
BOOM

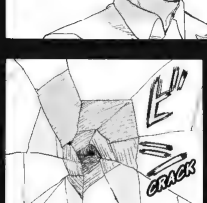
TAKEZO-SAN.
EIKO...
YOU WANT ME TO STAY HERE, TOO?
HAVEN'T YOU WORKED HARD ENOUGH?



IN HIS HEART, YOSUKE'S ALREADY GONE.
THE ONLY ONE LEFT IN TAKASHI'S GRAND WHATSIT IS ME.

DON'T LAUGH AT ME FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO LET MY KID GO, OKAY?
I SEE.
SO I NEED TO STAY WITH HIM TO THE END.
HE'S GOT THAT SCARY FACE, AFTER ALL.
I KNEW HE DIDN'T HAVE WHAT IT TOOK TO BE A LEADER.

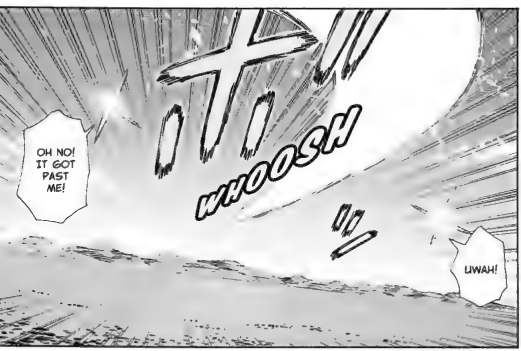
GOODBYE.
I'LL LAUGH AND BE HAPPY THAT I HAD A GOOD HUSBAND.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER, EIKO!
WHEN I DIE, COME GET ME!
BOOM



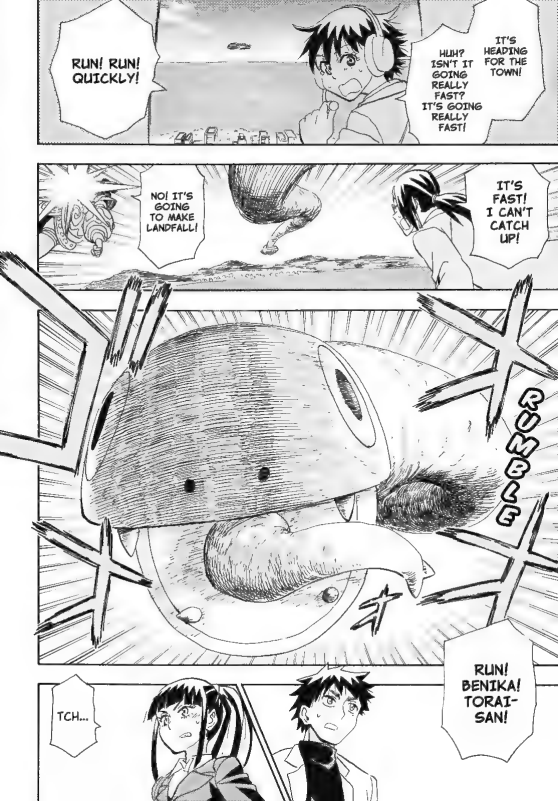
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO REGRET.

SHATTER
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP, ALIENS!
HMM?

SO THAT WAS A DIFFERENT UNIT?
WHAT?
WHY? DIDN'T HE DESTROY THE CORE?
THE SNAKE!


WHOOSH
OH NO! IT GOT PAST ME!
UWAH!

GATTA
GATTA
GATTA
GATTA
TH-THE GIANT ROBOT IS HEADING THIS WAY!
DAMN IT! IF WE GET INSIDE THE ENEMY'S FIELD WITHOUT ANY PROTECTION...
IT'S COMING THIS WAY!


RUN! RUN! QUICKLY!
HUH? ISN'T IT GOING REALLY FAST? IT'S GOING REALLY FAST!
IT'S HEADING FOR THE TOWN!
NO! IT'S GOING TO MAKE LANDFALL!
IT'S FAST! I CAN'T CATCH UP!
RUMBLE
TCH...
RUN! BENIKA! TORAI-SAN!

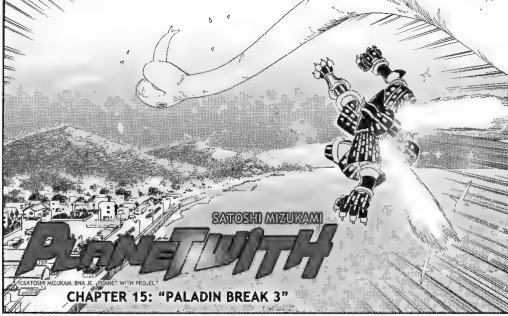
KR
OOM

BOOM

MEOW!
MROOOW!

GASP! WHAT WAS THAT?
A LIGHT JUST APPEARED FROM THE SKY AND BLOCKED THE GIANT OBJECT'S ADVANCE!
IS A NEW WARRIOR OF LIGHT FIGHTING THE GIANT OBJECT?

THAT MUST BE KUROI-KUN!
BAM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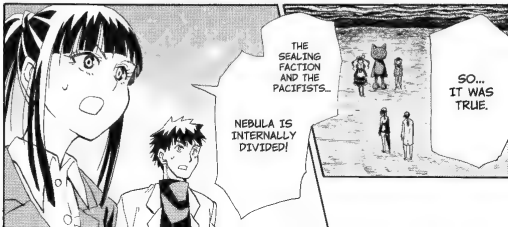
THE NEBULA SOLDIER'S FIGHTING THE NEBULA WEAPON?
HUH? HOW?!
THE NEBULA SOLDIER?!


NEBULA IS INTERNALLY DIVIDED!
THE SEALING FACTION AND THE PACIFISTS...
SO... IT WAS TRUE.

WE NEEDED IT TO FLY!
"I USED THE CAT DOPING AGAIN. TOMORROW'S GOING TO HURT."
THAT'S WHAT SENSEI SAID.
NOZO-SAN, SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO BE SKIPPING SCHOOL TOMORROW!
OH... IT'S LOOKING AT US.
GULP
GULP
GULP
GULP

ROAR
GIGA! CAT!
BLADE!
BOOM
COME ON!

FLASH

POP
POP
POP

ONE STRIKE!
O...
ガガガガガガガガガガガガ
THE WARRIOR OF LIGHT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE AND SLICED APART THE MASSIVE OBJECT WITH HIS CLAWS!
THE TOWN...
THE TOWN IS SAFE!
CHEER
おおおお

HE DEFEATED IT WITHOUT GOING INTO ITS CORE?
DO HIS ATTACKS WORK BECAUSE HE'S ALSO FROM NEBULA?
THE NEBULA SOLDIER DEFEATED THE NEBULA WEAPON.
SO IT WAS TRUE...
HUH? OLD MAN?
W-WAIT, YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST...

COME TO ME, PSYCHIC BLADES.
FLASH
PHOTON SWORD...
CLANG
CAT-SLASHER!

CLANG
!
HEY!
SMASH

FWOOSH
!

ARE THEY ANGRY AT EACH OTHER ABOUT SOME THING?
HUH? ONE OF THE WARRIORS OF LIGHT IS ATTACKING THE OTHER!
LET MY GUARD DOWN!
THAT WAS FAR-SIGHTED!
NOT BAD
OH...

NO HESI-TATION AT ALL?
OLD MAN!
WE'RE GOING TO DO THE USUAL NOW, RIGHT? FIGHTING OVER THAT LITTLE VIAL.
CAN YOU HEAR ME, LITTLE NEBULA KID?
SO I ATTACKED YOU FIRST. YOU DON'T MIND, RIGHT?
I FIGURED WITH YOUR SPEED, I COULDN'T GET AWAY.
YEAH, NO PROBLEMS HERE.
LET'S GET RIGHT TO THE FIGHT!

HAAAH...

THAT'S WHAT SENSEI SAID!
"THAT SWORD IS DANGEROUS! MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T HIT YOU!"
MEOW.

OLD MAN!
YEAH... I KNOW.

I KNEW THAT OLD BASTARD WAS HIDING HIS TRUE POWER LEVEL!
IS THAT HIM?

WHY DID YOU PROTECT THE TOWN?
I HAVE A QUES-TION.
I JUST DID WHAT SENSEI AND GINKO TOLD ME.
NO REA-SON.
I'M ASKING YOU, THE PERSON INSIDE THAT THING.
WHO IS YOUR FRIEND, AND WHO IS YOUR ENEMY?
YOU CAN'T FIGHT LIKE THIS BECAUSE SOMEONE TOLD YOU TO DO IT.

I'M...
I'M THE FRIEND OF THOSE I WANT TO BEFRIEND.
AND THE ENEMY OF THOSE I WANT TO DEFEAT.
I'M AN ANIMAL.
YOU'RE AN ANIMAL, THEN.
I WANT COURAGE...
THE COURAGE TO RUSH AT THAT THING...

BROTHER!
GET AWAY FROM THE TOWN! GOT IT?
YOU STAY HERE!

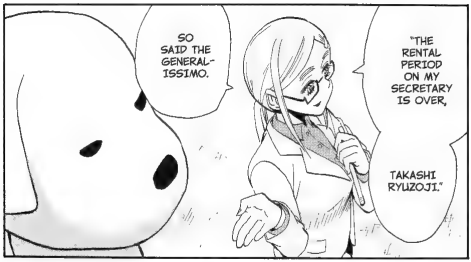
UWOOOOOOAH!
EIKO!
GIVE ME YOUR POWER...

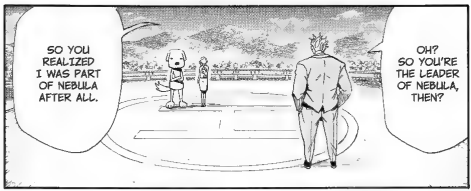
DIRECTOR...

THE PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE, YOU SEE.
GO AHEAD, GENERAL-ISSIMO.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, SHIRAISHI-KUN?
WHY DID YOU ASK ME TO COME OUT ON THE ROOF AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

SPARK
SPARK
SPARK
WOOF.


SO SAID THE GENERAL-ISSIMO.
"THE RENTAL PERIOD ON MY SECRETARY IS OVER, TAKASHI RYUZOJI."


SO YOU REALIZED I WAS PART OF NEBULA AFTER ALL.
OH? SO YOU'RE THE LEADER OF NEBULA, THEN?

WOOF.
NOBODY BUT TAKATORI-KUN HAD ANY DOUBTS ABOUT YOU, THOUGH.
YOUR HYPNOSIS WON'T WORK ON ME, SHIRAISHI-KUN.

"NO ONE WILL BOTHER US NOW."
"IT'S THE PERFECT DAY FOR A FINAL BATTLE."
SO SAID THE GENERAL-ISSIMO.

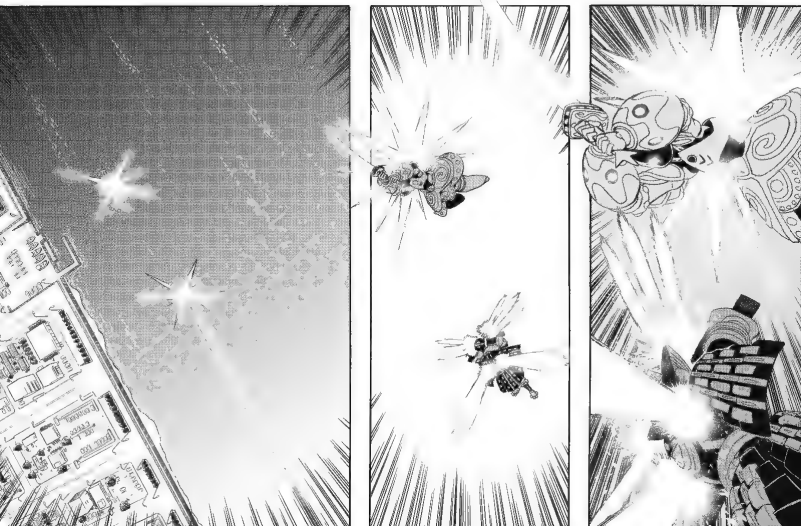
A FINAL BATTLE, HUH? VERY WELL.
THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS I WANT TO ASK YOU.
BUT I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DECIDING THE FATE OF THE EARTH NOW.

HAHH!
FLAP
TAKASHI RYUZOJI, PREPARE TO DIE!
PUUU

CHOMP
AAH
WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO YOUR CLOTHES?
SHIRAI-SHI-KUN!
SLAM

FLASH
WELL, WHATEVER...
COME ON!
THUD

BANG
BANG
TO BE
CONTINUED!!



SLASH

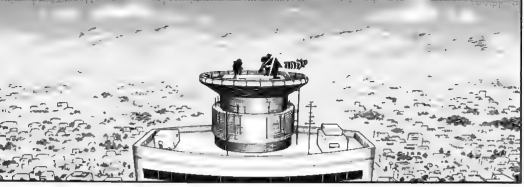
WELL DONE.

BOOM

OLD MAN!

OH...
I'M FINE. I'M FINE.

PANT
PANT
PANT



HERE I GO.

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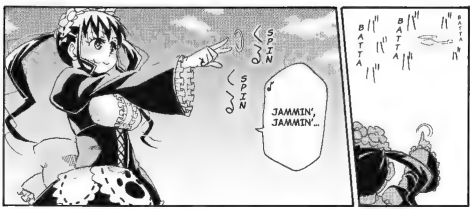
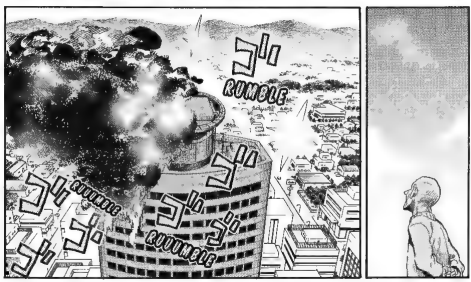
BATTA
BATTA
BATTA
BATTA
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
CAMERAMAN! GET SOME FOOTAGE OF THOSE PEOPLE DOWN THERE!
I HAVE NO IDEA!
H-HUH?
THAT'S WEIRD. I CAN'T FOCUS THE CAMERA RIGHT...


SPIN
SPIN
JAMMIN', JAMMIN'...
BATTA
BATTA
BATTA

THANKS.
HERE.
IF YOU GIVE IT TO ME, I'M NOT GIVING IT BACK.
HUH? I DIDN'T FIGHT YOU, THOUGH.
TAKE MINE, TOO.
...
I ONLY KEPT IT SO I COULD SAVE HIM WHEN HE STARTED TO FALL THROUGH THE AIR.
OH, I SEE.
THAT'S FINE.

...
IS YOUR REVENGE FINISHED NOW?
THE DRAGON THAT DESTROYED YOUR HOME IS GONE NOW, RIGHT?
YEAH. JUST LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I HEARD THE DRAGON DIED...
AFTER IT DESTROYED MY PLANET.

THE GUY WHO HAS THE STRONGEST DRAGON PRESENCE...
HE'S STILL HERE.
BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET.


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

WOOF.
"UNBELIEVABLE. HE DESTROYED HIS OWN FORTRESS WITHOUT HESITATION..."
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY, GENERAL-ISSIMO?
PAY ATTENTION...
NEBULA LEADER.
BZZT

BZZT
PLASMA...
PEW
BULLET!
PEEEW
PEW
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

WOOF!
IF WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DEFENDING THE TOWN, WE'LL BE AT A HUGE DISADVANTAGE! WE NEED TO END THIS NOW! RIGHT, GENERALISSIMO?
"HE DOESN'T EVEN HESITATE TO DESTROY HIS OWN HOME! I UNDERESTIMATED THE HUMAN CAPACITY FOR CONFLICT!"
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY, GENERAL-ISSIMO?
WOOF!
HERE WE GO!
GROWL
WEP-WA-WET
BITE!

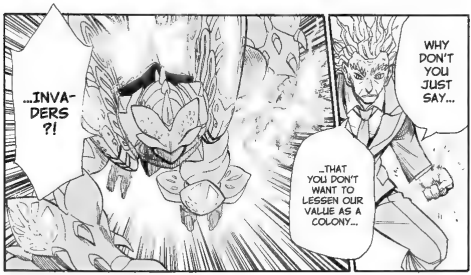
WOOF?
HUH?
BOOM
BOOM
ROAR

BOOOM

WHY IS HE TRYING TO ATTACK THE TOWN?!

SWAP
SWAP
SWAP
...IN-VADERS?
WHY DO YOU CARE IF THIS TOWN IS DESTROYED.
GRIP
IT WAS CLEAR THAT DESTROYING THE BUILDING SEEMED TO BOTHER YOU.
JUST TO THROW YOU OFF YOUR GAME.
CLUTCH
CLUTCH

"IT'S NOT TO DESTROY OR INVADE!"
SO SAID THE GENERAL-ISSIMO.
"OUR GOAL IS TO SEAL AWAY UNDEVELOPED RACES AND RESTRAIN THEIR AGGRESSIVE INSTINCTS."
WOOF.

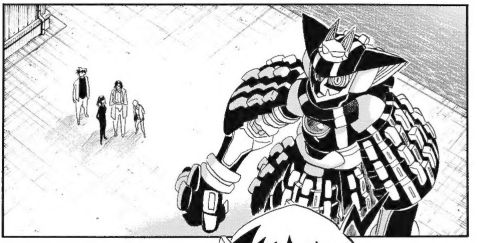

...INVA-DERS ?!
...THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO LESSEN OUR VALUE AS A COLONY...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY...

BOOM

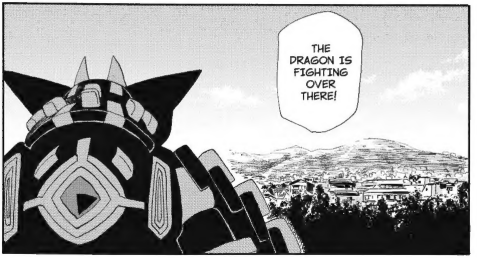
GWAH!
OUR GOAL IS TO SEAL...
YOU'RE TRYING TO CONTROL OTHERS, FOR YOUR OWN REASONS AND FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR OWN VALUES.
IF THAT ISN'T AN INVASION...
GROWL
...THEN WHAT IS IT?!
BOOM

WOOF!
CREAK
CREAK
"IF YOU THINK TAKING A LOADED GUN FROM A TODDLER IS IN-VASION..."
SNAP
"...THEN SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT!"
SO SAID THE GENERAL-ISSIMO SAYS!

THAT ONLY MEANS YOU'RE ARROGANT.
IF OTHER PEOPLE SEEM LIKE TODDLERS...
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
COMBAT CONTINUES BETWEEN A SOLDIER OF LIGHT AND... ALIENS?
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT CITY HALL!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CITY? TO JAPAN?
THE WHOLE CITY IS IN AN UPROAR!



IT'S FIGHT-ING...


THE DRAGON IS FIGHTING OVER THERE!